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Access to Maternity and Pregnancy Termination Services at Othello Community Hospital

Policy: Othello Community Hospital complies with the Reproductive Privacy Act, a state law that requires a public hospital district that elects to provide maternity care benefits, services or information through a program administered or funded by the public hospital district, to also provide substantially equivalent pregnancy termination benefits, services or information. The Act defines pregnancy as the reproductive process beginning with the implantation of an embryo. The Act contains a conscience clause acknowledging that no person may be required in any circumstance to participate in the performance of an abortion if such person objects to doing so. The public hospital district respects each individual’s right to refuse to participate in an abortion that violates his or her beliefs.

Othello Community Hospital provides the maternity care benefits, services or information (Maternity Services) identified in the table below. Othello Community Hospital also provides, or makes its facilities available to provide, the substantially equivalent pregnancy termination benefits, services or information (Pregnancy Termination Services) indicated in the table. If the Pregnancy Termination Service requires the professional services of a clinical team, such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other clinicians (Clinicians), the public hospital district’s facilities will be made available for the Pregnancy Termination Service contingent upon the properly credentialed Clinicians’ willingness and availability to provide the needed professional services. If a patient seeks a Pregnancy Termination Service for which Clinicians are required (see table), the appropriate district personnel will determine, in coordination with the medical staff office (or other applicable hospital department), if such Clinicians are available and if so, coordinate scheduling of the Termination Service.

Table of Available Maternity and Pregnancy Termination Services

	Maternity Services or Information	Pregnancy Termination Services or Information	Clinicians Required?
1.	Prenatal and maternity information	Pregnancy termination information	N
2.	Prenatal and maternity services	Abortion pill (medication abortion also known as mifepristone)	Y
3.	Labor and delivery services	Abortion procedures (aspiration, dilation and evacuation or curettage)	Y